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FOR: DAVID SHEAR, AFR/CWR

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TAGS: WMO

SUBJ: RESEARCH RELATED TO AGROMETEOROLOGICAL PROGRAM (FOR THE SAHEL)

1. WMO EXPRESSED CONCERN AVAILABILITY OF FIRST
U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO SUBJECT PROJECT, WHICH THEY UNDERSTAND WOULD
BE MADE ABOUT 1, APRIL 1976. THEY ARE APPARENTLY OPERATING ENTIRELY
ON \$500,000 PROVIDED LAST AUTUMN BY NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT.

2. THERE IS NOW URGENT NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT PLANTING
SEASON TO DEVELOP EXPERIMENTAL PLOTS THAT WILL BE USED IN
TRAINING AND EXPERIMENTATION PROGRAM AT NIAMEY CENTER. ACCORDING
TO INFORMATION FROM PROJECT COORDINATION RIJKS, FARM TRACTORS
ARE PRIMARY NEED AT THIS STAGE. THEREFORE, IT IS HOPED THAT
AID CAN GIVE SOME INDICATION SOON AS TO AVAILABILITY OF THEIR FIRST
CONTRIBUTION.

3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THT PROJECT COORDINATOR HAS PROVIDED
INFORMATION TO AID THROUGH AMERICAN EMBASSY NIAMEY ON
THESE NEEDS AND POSSIBILITIES FOR LOCAL PURCHASE. THIS IS
IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION, DUE TO NEED FOR HAVING
TRACTORS ASAP. IF US DECIDES TO MAKE PURCHASE IN
US, IT IS ASSUMED THAT THERE WILL BE LONG DELAY IN
ARRIVAL OF EQUIPMENT IN NIAMEY. WOULD IT BE PRACTICABLE
FOR ORDERS TO BE GIVEN IN US FOR DELIVERY FROM LOCAL
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4. SINCE GENEVA HAS NOT RECEIVED COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE
BETWEEN RIJKS AND AMEMBASSY NIAMEY, WE ARE UNABLE TO MAKE
FURTHER SUGGESTIONS ON THIS MATTER BUT ASSUME THAT AID
WASHINGTON IS FULLY INFORMED. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF
COPIES OF SUCH CORRESPONDENCE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO
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